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Dear Ortello

I am very sorry not to have been able to greet you before you left, not only because of the sympathy I have for a courageous person like you, but also on account of the duties of hospitality.

Many little questions have been left unsolved and I summarize them here

Dates: SS presented me a system rather complicated.. I should like to go on giving natural dates. Generally my news are comprehended in one week time, thus I don't understand very well the objection. Please try to specify, from my part I shall be more exact.

Industrial Informations: I have spent too much since I had promised to several persons a Dunhil lighter as a reward. Please send me 7 of 8.

Camera: I really need a Leika with tele-object-glass of I3 of I4 cent. and a camera mignon.

Financing: I had suggested a deposit into the hands of a person you trust, and who could function as a cashier at your orders. It is easier to give orders than to carry money.

As you know perfectly well, it is necessary for me to be punctual in my paying the others, since all my agents have been removed from their houses and they consequently live only on what I give them. If I am not punctual they are obliged to go back to their houses. To go and look for them is a very tiring and dangerous thing for them and for me. I had experiences that don't encourage me to pay with my own personal money, former experiences of which I spoke with you, they concern the visit of two agents (Giorgetti and others)

I don't think fair to discuss over the thousand liras with whom could be shut any moment and finish his life without any glory. During your trip in Italy you have only touched the risk, think of those that live in this risk day and night,

I summarize: I have had from you 400.000 lire for the months of November and December, with other 100.000 suspended. With other elements newly acquired I have now 15 agents who cost about 20.000 a month. It is necessary then to get 300.000 lire a month, such a sum should be in my hands not after the forlorn Saturday of every month, and to be more exact every 20 of the month. Can you possibly assure me of such a punctuality? If you think so, I should receive within the 20 of this month the sum of 100.000 and 300.000.

If it is not possible it is better to dismiss this group, that will always be able to function when you want it, in no more than a few weeks

My trip to Berna: Since I know Y 2 after having seen him just for a moment, I should like to come over for half a day just the necessary time to put him in the condition of never speaking again. This with the greatest care naturally.

Cigarettes: It is a sad matter because a personal one. Please remember your promise.

Presents for the New Year: I should like to give a lighter Dunhil from your part to the heads of my groups. They are 5. If this suits you will you send them down?

I shall be very grateful if you give me a prompt answer to all I have asked you. I should come in the week 18-22 December.

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